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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RE APPLICATION OF:

Shockey et al.

APPLICATION No.: 09/544,357

FILED: April 6, 2000

FOR: **PENETRATION-AND-FIRE RESISTANT FABRIC
MATERIALS AND STRUCTURES**

EXAMINER: S. JOHNSON

ART UNIT: 3641

CONFIRMATION NO: 8056

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Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application,
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of
the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior
to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA)
under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term
adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to Application Examination and Provisional
Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office
47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116
previously filed
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
- ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief
previously filed on
- ☐ Other

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- b. ☒ Enclosed
☒ Amendment/Reply
☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
☒ Other: Associate Power of Attorney

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.
(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)


- b. ☐ Other

3. Fees *The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when RCE is filed.*

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.
- b. ☐ A check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed to cover the following fees.
☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) \$370
☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §1.136 and §1.17)
☐ Other
- c. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment in fees (or credit any overpayments) to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

Respectfully submitted,
Perkins Coie LLP

Date: 18 Sep 2002


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Sir:

The present communication responds to the Office action dated 19 June 2002 in the above-identified application. Please amend the application as follows. The attached Appendix presents a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment.

In the Claims:

Following is a complete listing of the claims pending in the application, as amended:

1. (TWICE AMENDED) A ballistic barrier preventing penetration by a foreign body in combination with an outer shell of an aircraft, the outer shell defining the interior of the aircraft, the ballistic barrier in combination with the outer shell comprising:

at least ⁴⁶one layer of fabric disposed in the interior of the aircraft, wherein the at least one layer of fabric is capable of absorbing kinetic energy of the foreign body, the at least one layer of fabric being substantially positioned